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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, as I have already stated, cases of arson are very difficult to investigate. If we ask them to expedite investigation, they may say: 'So far no clue. Therefore the case is treated as undetected'. If we are prepared for that result, then we may ask them to expedite investigation."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know, Sir, whether this arson case occurred during the night or during the day time?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, arson cases always take place during night time. I do not have the information with me about this case."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have allowed more than fifteen minutes for this question. Now I will pass on to the other questions."

Madras State students in the training school at Podatoorpet, Chittoor district.

* 336 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any communication has been received from the Andhra Government regarding the continuance of facilities for the study in the training school at Chittoor for the students from this State;

(*b*) whether the Government have received representation to the effect that the Andhra Government are asking these students to leave the State or to approach the Madras Government for meeting the cost of the subsidy; and

(*c*) if so, the action, proposed to be taken by the Government to help these students to complete their studies?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Yes, Sir.

" (*c*) This Government have agreed to pay stipends for the second year students of the training school at Podatoorpet (Chittoor district) who are natives of the State of Madras and who may not seek employment in the Andhra State and to the payment of proportionate cost towards the grant in aid that may be paid to the school for its maintenance by the Andhra State. The Government of Andhra have been requested to allow the students to complete their course and to pay the stipends in the first instance. They have also been requested to maintain the *status quo* as the school in question is situated in Tiruttani which is a disputed area."

(The hon. Member Sri Vinayakam stood up in his place.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" I think the hon. Member Sri Vinayakam is monopolising this subject." (Laughter.)

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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Consequent on the representations made to the Andhra Government, did the Government of Madras receive any reply either in the affirmative or in the negative? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir. We have not yet received any reply. A telegraphic reminder has been sent."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, will these facilities be extended to similarly situated students in Andhra State, such as those students undergoing Engineering course of studies? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir. ' Similarly situated ' means, students belonging to our State will certainly be protected."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" In view of the fact that the Government of Madras have agreed to pay stipends to the students reading in the second year class in the training school at Podatoorpet and in view also of the fact that no response has been forthcoming from the Government of Andhra to permit this Government to pay stipends to the students, will the Government of Madras take steps to pay the students directly or through the Manager of the institution or through the President of the Managing Committee of the institution? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am hoping the Andhra Government will take a very reasonable attitude in this matter, and if they fail to do so, we will take necessary action."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" இரண்டாவது வருஷத்திலிருந்த இந்த மாணவர்கள் ஆந்திர சர்க்காரின் கீழ் உத்தியோகத்தை தேடாமல் இருந்தால் அவர்களுக்கு உதவிச் சம்பளம் கொடுப்பதாக கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்ன பதிலிலிருந்து தெரிகிறது. அந்த உதவிச் சம்பளம் கேட்கக்கூடிய அனைவருக்கும் சென்னை சர்க்கார் உத்தியோகம் கொடுக்கிறதா அல்லது வேறு எங்காகிலும் உத்தியோகம் தேடிக்கொண்டால் சென்னை சர்க்காருக்கு ஆக்ஷேபணை என்ன ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Payment of stipends is governed by certain rules, i.e., if employment is offered here, they are bound to serve here. If we do not offer employment, it is open to them to seek employment elsewhere."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" இரண்டாவது வருஷ மாணவர்களுக்கு உதவிச்சம்பளம் கொடுப்பதாக கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள். ஆனால் முதல் வருஷத்தில் இருக்கக்கூடிய சென்னை ராஜ்யத்திலுள்ள மாணவர்கள் கதி என்ன ஆவது ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" When the students now studying in the second year joined the school, it was a composite State. If students join the school after the formation of the Andhra State, they do so on their own responsibility."

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SRI S. RAMASAMY NAIDU :—" சர்க்கார் மாணவர்களுக்கு உதவிச் சம்பளம் கொடுப்பது இரண்டு ஆண்டு ஆசிரியர் வேலைப் பார்க்கவேண்டுமென்ற நிபந்தனையைத் தவிர, சர்க்கார் உத்தியோகம் கொடுக்கவேண்டுமென்ற நிர்ப்பந்தம் இருக்கிறதா ?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" But they will have to serve in this State. When a question was put whether there was any prohibition in regard to their accepting any employment in Chittoor, I stated that if employment was not available here in this State, it was open to them to accept or get employment in Chittoor."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" While sympathising with the attitude which the Hon. Minister for Finance takes with regard to their policy towards the Government of Andhra, may I know whether the Hon. Minister is not aware of the fact that the first letter asking the Andhra Government to permit this Government to give stipends was sent to them as early as May, that afterwards 18 reminders including two telegraphic reminders have been sent, and that in spite of the fact that Kurnool which is the headquarters of the Andhra Government is not far away from the headquarters of this Government—only a distance of about 300 miles—there has been no response forthcoming? In view of these facts, may I know what attitude our Government are going to take towards those students studying in the training school? Because our Government have been requesting the Government of Andhra to maintain the *status quo*, i.e., that the existing conditions should not be disturbed, students got admitted even this year. Now, is it proper on the part of the Government of this State to wash off their responsibility as far as the students of the first year are concerned who joined the institution in the belief that our Government have been requesting the Government of Andhra to maintain the *status quo*? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" *Status quo* will be maintained with reference to the conditions that existed previous to the formation of the Andhra State, i.e., in respect of those students who were studying there before the formation of the Andhra State. After that, knowing that a separate Andhra State has been formed and that this State will not be responsible for anything happening in that State, if students have gone and joined that school they have to look to the Government to which that school belongs. But in view of the peculiar position of the second year students who joined the school when the State was a composite one, we have taken up responsibility to pay stipends to them."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" In view of the importance of the subject and in view also of the fact that policies of the two State Governments are involved in this matter, I request that a half-hour debate may be allowed . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I find that the House is likely to sit till the 18th. We have already agreed to two half-hour debates, one

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with regard to the question raised by the hon. Member Sri Ratnam and the other with regard to the question raised by the hon. Member Sri S. Ramalingam. I do not think it is possible . . ."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" I do not belittle the importance of the questions on which half-hour debates have already been allowed, Sir . . ."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" I shall withdraw the request for half-hour debate, in view of the importance of the other question which the hon. Member Sri K. Vinayakam has raised and that a half-hour debate may be allowed on that subject."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let hon. Members consult each other and come to a conclusion and inform me at 3 p.m. in my Chamber as to which half-hour debates are to be taken up."

Acquisition of private slums in the City.

* 337 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any amount is allotted in the budget for 1954–55 under the Scheme of the Madras Slum Improvement (Acquisition of Land) Act, 1954, for purchasing private slums in the City of Madras; and

(*b*) the extent of land the Government propose to assign to the Harijans by acquisition in the City of Madras?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) The question of assignment will arise only when lands are acquired or acquisition is decided upon."

Opening of a sub-treasury at Quilandy, Malabar district.

* 338 *Q.*—SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government are arranging to open a sub-treasury at Quilandy in Kurumbranad taluk, North Malabar?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The question of opening a sub-treasury at Quilandy is under the consideration of the Government."

SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV :—" In view of the fact that Quilandy is the headquarters of a sub-taluk, and in view also of the fact that the present treasury at Badagara lies 40 miles away from most amsams of this sub-taluk, will the Government sympathetically consider the matter and take urgent steps to open a sub-treasury at Quilandy? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I am aware of that and that is the reason why I stated that I am going to consider the matter sympathetically."